



# United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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*A worker guides a bundle of steel rebar that will be used to form a concrete slab below the Congressional Auditorium in the easternmost portion of the CVC site. The roof of the auditorium, when completed, will serve as the base slab for the East Capitol Street Extension.*

## **This Week – Ongoing Work – 01/19/04 through 01/23/04**

### **East Front Plaza Highlights:**

- Steel crews continue to erect steel in the northern half of the site. Approximately two weeks of steel erection remains.
- Crews have completed concrete placements on the roof deck over the entire area above the House expansion space. Additional concrete placements have also been completed in front of the Center Steps.
- Crews continue to assemble the formwork for both the lower and upper level floor slabs above the slab on grade, and concrete placements for the lower level slab will continue in the center of the site.
- Crews continue to excavate and install utilities throughout the site.

### **East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)**

- Crews will continue demolishing floor slabs and walls to clear the way for elevator shafts, stairwells and new mechanical systems. Much of this work will be restricted to evenings now that Members have returned from recess.

### **Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)**

#### **Truck Tunnel Construction:**

- Crews continue assembling rebar and placing concrete roof slabs over portions of the truck tunnel.



## **Next Week – 1/26/04 - 1/30/04**

### **East Front Plaza Work**

- Crews will continue erecting steel columns and crossbeams in the northern half of the site. They will continue to install roof decking, lay rebar and place concrete on the decking and on grade, the lower in the southern half of the site.
- Installation of utilities, mechanical trenches, footings and storm drain pipes will continue throughout the site.
- Scaffolding for the lower and upper level floor slabs will continue to be erected and concrete placements will occur inside the CVC in the southwest and southeast quadrants.

### **East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)**

- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front Center Steps. Much of the work will be restricted to evening and weekend hours.

### **Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)**

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in all areas of the tunnel construction zone.



*Steel erection is nearing completion in the northeast quadrant of the CVC site. The photo at left, taken from the Capitol Dome, shows the steel framework completed for the Senate expansion space.*

*The photo below, taken from ground level a few days later, shows steel erected in the north central area of the site. Within a few weeks, the framework will be capped with corrugated steel roof decking. Once the decking is secured, crews will begin assembling rebar cages on top of the deck in preparation for placement of concrete slabs.*



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